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Now -- there is one centralized source for information on what is currently known about alcohol and other drugs -- the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI). NCADI works with and through Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network Centers located in almost every State. NCADI is sponsored by the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and RADAR Network Centers are supported primarily by State government agencies.

NCADI and the RADAR Network have become the national resource system for information on the latest research results, popular press and scholarly journal articles, videos, prevention curricula, print materials, and program descriptions. If it is about alcohol or other drugs, chances are you can find out about it at NCADI and the RADAR Network Centers.

With just a phone call to (301) 468-2600 or a letter to NCADI at P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20852, anyone can use this national resource and also get the phone number and address for the nearest RADAR Network Center. Program planners, medical personnel, parents, teachers, students, employers, clergy, the police, local and State office holders, the media, and other concerned people can ask any question, and they can expect prompt, courteous, and authoritative responses. Many questions can be answered over the phone; others may be better addressed by mailing out

booklets, fact sheets, manuals, or videos. In the field, NCADI and the RADAR Network Centers are often referred to as "one stop shops" for virtually all information needs in the area of alcohol and other drugs. Most of the materials are provided free.

Still, no service is truly valuable unless its customers fully understand all the ways it can help them. The following are some of the more commonly asked questions about NCADI and the RADAR Network. If, after reading this brochure, you have additional questions, please call NCADI and let one of the trained information specialists explain how we can enhance your efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug problems.

***I get the impression that NCADI and the
RADAR Network Centers offer more than
this brochure can adequately describe.
How about an overview of some of the
highlights of these services?***

It's true that NCADI's services go beyond the scope of this brochure, but, briefly, you *should* know about these special offers from NCADI:

1. Print Materials -- NCADI creates new materials and offers limited quantities free-of-charge through the RADAR Network and other channels; makes available negatives (that you can take to your local printer) to print quantities for distribution in your community; adapts the best of local efforts so the rest of the Nation can share a good thing; distributes new materials that other groups such as the U.S. Departments of Education, Transportation, and Justice have created; and prepares computerized lists that describe the wide array, availability, and price of materials that have been created by both public and private sector groups for your target audiences.

2. Audiovisuals -- We live in a visual society, but videotapes with solid prevention messages are hard to find and often difficult to afford. NCADI offers a free Audiovisual Loan Program that works just like your local library. Contact NCADI and request a list of current titles for selection to strengthen your presentations. Copies may become available for purchase, at cost, in the near future.

3. RADAR Network -- The Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network comprises resource centers in almost every State, which serve as information resource centers close to home. Each RADAR Network Center works cooperatively with NCADI. They receive print materials and other resources from NCADI so that they can perform many of the same services of NCADI, with one extra advantage to you -- they know what makes your particular State unique so they can provide additional guidance and support. The information specialists would be happy to send you the address and telephone number of the RADAR Network Center nearest you.

4. Prevention Pipeline: An Alcohol and Drug Awareness Service -- For a \$15 annual handling fee, anyone can receive the bimonthly news service of the alcohol and other drug field. It is a forum, a news bulletin, and a research alert that allows both professionals and volunteers to keep on top of the latest research and program information and upcoming events. *Prevention Pipeline* is a must for those who want to be fully informed.

5. Technical Support -- When possible, NCADI offers support to organizations in the field through a wide range of resource lists, direct mail, editorial support, exhibits, and dissemination of materials for conferences. NCADI offers much more than information; there is an active outreach department that works with groups and individuals to maximize their efforts.

With the newspapers, magazines, journals, TV, and radio so full of information about alcohol and other drugs, why do I need NCADI?

The days are long gone when people believed everything they read or heard. Sometimes well-meaning people, even journalists and reporters, do not have the latest research findings. And in the rapidly changing field of alcohol and other drugs, what is true today isn't necessarily true tomorrow.

The value of NCADI and the RADAR Network Centers lies in their comprehensiveness and authoritativeness. Most information roads lead to NCADI or to a RADAR Network Center because they are key access points for the latest facts and relevant advice about preventing and treating alcohol and other drug problems.

Everybody knows you get what you pay for. If most of these services are free and reliable, what is the catch?

You contribute to the support of NCADI and the RADAR Network through your Federal and State taxes. NCADI was mandated by Congress to serve as *the* Federal resource center for alcohol and other drug information because lawmakers recognized the need for an unbiased, state-of-the-art resource center that would be readily accessible to all citizens. To make the program truly responsive to the needs of the people, a partnership was formed with State governments to create the RADAR Network. NCADI and the RADAR Network are government-sponsored services that have no hidden agenda. There is no "catch" or hidden cost. Minimal handling fees are charged for only a few items.

I'm not sure what NCADI and the RADAR Network can do to meet my unique needs. How can I use these services?

Simple ... call NCADI to discuss your needs or interests. Information specialists are standing by to explain how NCADI and the RADAR Network can support you. Or you might write NCADI and ask for a catalog that lists the materials available from NCADI and the RADAR Network Centers.

How can I find out more about NCADI and the RADAR Network?

Write or call, and NCADI will respond right away. Or you may even call and make an appointment to visit NCADI to look it over and discuss your special needs. If you call ahead of time, a knowledgeable staff member will be available and eager to show you what NCADI can do for you.

